

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 22, 2006 has been received and carefully studied.


The Examiner newly rejects claims 1-3, 6-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tokuda, et al., JP 2002-092961. The Examiner states that Tokuda et al. disclose an ultraviolet curing type adhesive for sticking the optical disk with the feature that the pH of the extract obtained by water extraction of the hardened adhesive after the optical disk substrate is stuck and is subjected to UV curing is 4.0-8.0.

By the accompanying amendment, claim 1 has been amended to recite the proviso that the composition does not comprise a urethane (meth)acrylate. Support for the amendment can be found in original claim 1 as filed.

JP '961 discloses an adhesive for an optical disc having a reflective film comprising silver or silver alloy, which contains urethane (meth)acrylate as an essential component (paragraph [0011] and Examples). In contrast, the UV resin composition as now claimed cannot contain a urethane (meth)acrylate. It is believed that the amendment overcomes the rejection and places the case in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration, entry of the amendment, and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,


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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A UV-curable resin composition for bonding substrates of an optical disk, one or both of which have a total reflection film or a translucent reflection film comprising silver or a silver alloy, characterized in that the UV-curable resin composition comprises, as essential components, an epoxy (meth)acrylate (A), 2,2-dimethoxy-1,2-diphenylethan-1-one and a mono- to trifunctional (meth)acrylate monomer (E) other than (A), a monofunctional (meth)acrylate compound (C) containing a hydroxyl group, and a (meth)acrylate phosphate compound (D), provided that the composition does not comprise a urethane (meth)acrylate.
2. (Original) The UV-curable resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the mono- to trifunctional (meth)acrylate monomer (E) is dicyclopentanyl di(meth)acrylate.
3. (Original) The UV-curable resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the mono- to trifunctional (meth)acrylate monomer (E) is hydroxypivalic acid neopentyl glycol di(meth)acrylate.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously presented) The UV-curable resin composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, which has an electrical

resistivity of 1000 M Ω ·cm (M Ω =10⁶ Ω) or less at 25°C.

7. (Previously presented) A bonded optical disk in which two disk substrates are allowed to adhere with a UV-curable resin composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) A bonded optical disk in which two disk substrates are allowed to adhere with a UV-curable resin composition according to claim 6.